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Dear Mr. Stroh:

The Attorney General has asked me to reply in his behalf to your letter of October 10, 1962. In it you outlined suggestions for the possible relocation of Cuban refugees in summer homes along the Atlantic seaboard.

We are forwarding your letter to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. That agency is responsible for the Cuban refugee relief program.

Thank you for your expression of support and approval for the Government's handling of the recent disturbance at the University of Mississippi, and for taking the time to forward your ideas to the Attorney General.

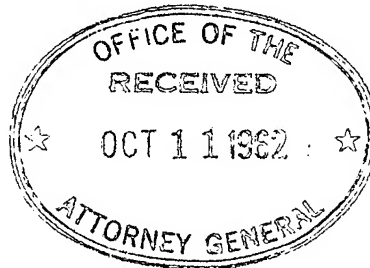
Sincerely yours,

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Attorney General
Robert F. Kennedy
Justice Department
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AIR MAIL

Dear Sir:

I wish to congratulate you on your forthright handling of the Meredith matter at the University of Mississippi and for your restraint in seeking every possible way to avoid the use of employing federal troops in order to make sure that Mississippi would not succeed in its challenge to the power and authority of the federal government.

I would also like to bring to your attention a couple of suggestions concerning the matter of Cuban refugees. I think there is no question that refugees will continue to pour into the country. Therefore, it is important that we seek the best possible method of absorbing them into the American community and utilizing their skills, for their own benefit, as well as our own. Therefore, I would like to suggest that some government agency, either by itself, or by alerting the necessary civic organizations, look into the possibility of relocating Cuban refugees, at least until June or July of next year, in summer residences along the Atlantic seaboard, from Maine to Virginia. If it is too late to implement this program for 1962-63, perhaps it can be put into effect next year.

The reason for this suggestion is that my parents happen to live in a year-around home at the beach in Milford, Connecticut, about midway between New York City and the Cape, on Long Island Sound. My familiarity with the Connecticut shoreline leads me to believe that there are hundreds of homes, maybe thousands, on the Connecticut shoreline, that for relatively small outlays could be converted for comfortable living during the winter period. In fact, many of these homes have adequate heating for the winter time, although not continuously occupied during this period, because of the fact that some of their owners like to stay after Labor Day and, perhaps, come down to the shore even before the summer season actually begins.

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I am sure that many of these owners would be more than happy to accomodate some of the refugees from Cuba and their families and allow them to use these homes rent free until the summer vacation period arrives. Many of the refugees, by that time, would have been absorbed into the community and found employment, and then would be able to locate their own accommodations.

The other suggestion that I would like to make is the possibility of employing people of Cuban origin and also from South American countries, who are now making their residence in the United States, as agents, in some capacity or other, in South American countries. People, natives of countries other than Cuba, could be used in their native countries, or others. Cubans could be used almost anywhere, as long as their knowledge of Spanish is adequate. I imagine that there are already plenty of Cuban agents throughout South America. My own contacts with people of South American origin lead me to believe that South Americans are very mobile and move from their native country to another with little resistancy.

I think President Kennedy has correctly surmised that the entire continent of South America is at a critical stage in its history, particularly the future of its countries vis-à-vis our way of life or that of Russia. It would seem to me that with proper screening many South American and Cuban natives could infiltrate political parties and other organizations in South American countries and assist us in bringing about from within the political and economic reforms that must necessarily precede any successful attack on their problems of many years standing.

If any of the above suggestions appear to be of any merit, I will be more than happy to come to Washington to discuss them with the appropriate parties. I would also like to throw out this suggestion. I have known a very fine young man, 27 years of age, a native of British Guiana, for four years. He attended a junior college here in New Haven, called Quinnipiac, for two years, then left for England, where he remained for

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one year. He anticipated he would be able to complete his education in England, where he had many, many relatives. Unfortunately, he arrived in London when England's own problem concerning racial discrimination was at its height and at about the time that legislation was passed by Great Britain for the first time limiting immigration from the dominions to England, as far as people of color were concerned. He found it difficult to find suitable living conditions and impossible to find employment. As a result, a friend and I supplied the necessary funds to bring him back to the United States and he is once again enrolled at college, this time Southern Connecticut State College.

He is a boy of exceptional character, who has compiled a most enviable record here personally, although not scholastically. It is my feeling that with a crash course of education, it would be very helpful to send this young man to British Guiana to keep us advised of developments there. His father, mother and other relatives still live in British Guiana. He is of sufficiently high intelligence, so that he could play whatever role necessary, becoming pro-red for alleged racial discrimination suffered both in England and, the United States, with the resulting disappointment and lack of success. This boy has real promise. I would appreciate your directing this last suggestion to the proper State Department of Intelligence


I was a classmate of Nich Katzenbach at Yale Law School and perhaps Nick will remember me from school. I would be glad to try a pilot project of the Cuban resettlement program in this area, where I am well known and have the resource of a wide acquaintance. It may be that I am being over optimistic in anticipating its reception, but I have always been of the opinion that even the seemingly impossible can be accomplished with the proper combination of planning and resources. The best example I can give of this is the nomination and election of our President. I admire the ability, intelligence, integrity and enthusiasm with which the members of the Kennedy

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family have approached their varied tasks, endowments equally reflected by their appointees to so many government positions. It would be an honor to assist any of them in some small way, while at the same time furthering the interests of our wonderful democracy.

Very truly yours,



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